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FOLLOWING REPEAT LAGOS 2304 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 01 MAR 7

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PFOR, PDEV, WA, SF, US

SUBJECT: NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT

REF: STATE 37591

1; WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSALS DESCRIBED REFTEL. IT IS CLEAR FROM STATEMENTS OF HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO AND OTHERS THAT FMG WILL WELCOME RENEWED EFFORTS TO UNBLOCK NAMIBIAN IMPASSE.

2. WHILE OBASANJO AND FMG HARBORED RESERVATIONS ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TACTICS, PACKAGE AND PRIORITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THEY NOW HAVE MORE HOPEFUL EXPECTATIONS ON STRENGTH OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S CONVERSATION WITH OBASANJO AND THEIR PERCEPTION OF GENERAL CARTER ADMINISTRATION STANCE ON SOUTHER AFRICAN ISSUES. FMG WILL THUS EXPECT US EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY RE NAMIBIA,

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TO HAVE A NEW CAST TO THEM.

3. 7-POINT PROPOSAL REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 REFTEL WAS DEVELOPED LAST FALL, WAS TERMED "VERY DISAPPOINTING" BY OBASANJO ON DECEMBER 10 (76 LAGOS 13958 NODIS) AND WAS FOUND UNACCEPTABLE IN SEVERAL RESPECTS BY SAM NUJOMA OF SWAPO ON NOVEMBER 21 (76 LAGOS 13358 NODIS). IF WE ARE TO SEEK OBASANJO'S SUPPORT IN

AN EFFORT TO BRING SWAPO TO ACCEPT THE 7 POINTS OR MODIFICATIONS THEREOF AS THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT EITHER THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS APPEAR SUFFICIENTLY SUBSTANTIAL TO WARRANT A NEW APPROACH OR THAT WE BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN IN WHAT WAYS THE SITUATION ITSELF HAS CHANGED SUFFICIENTLY TO MAKE IT REALISTIC NOW TO UNDERTAKE A NEW EFFORT ON ESSENTIALLY THE OLD TERMS.

4. IN NOVEMBER NUJOMA FLATLY REFUSED TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH TURNHALLE REPRESENTATIVES, ALTHOUGH HE RELUCTANTLY SAID HE WOULD ACCEPT THEM IN HIS DELEGATION IF THEY CAME OVER TO HIS SIDE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ARGUMENTATION TO OFFER OBASANJO, BASED ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN NAMIBIA, THAT WOULD JUSTIFY HIS PRESSING NUJOMA TO REVISE THAT POSITION.

. WITH REGARD TO POLITICAL DETAINEES, HAVE ANY MODIFICATIONS BEEN REACHED THAT WOULD PROVIDE A RATIONALE FOR NUJOMA'S ACCEPTANCE OF SOMETHING LESS THAN FULL RELEASE OF PRISONERS? AT THE SAME TIME, WE COULD ASK OBASANJO TO FOLLOW UP ON DCM'S SUGGESTION (LAGOS 13358) THAT SWAPO PROVIDE ASSURANCE THAT RELEASED PRISONERS WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN VIOLENCE.

6. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH REPEAT THIS MESSAGE INFO LONDON, GABORONE, DAR ES SALAAM, LUSAKA AND MAPUTO.
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